

In passing I may remark that *B. lutosus* (Gyll.) seems to have been accidentally omitted from the Red Data Book. It is one of our generally very rare species with only some three established (?) colonies known.— A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

***Urocerus gigas* (Hym.: Siricidae) patrolling bare hilltop**

At 1900 hours on 21.vii.1991, at the top of Knock Hill (NJ 537551) in Banffshire (v.c. 94) I noticed a large wasp-like insect continually patrolling the area about one metre above the ground in warm sunshine and a moderate breeze. I netted it (somewhat nervously) and found it to be a male Horntail *Urocerus gigas*.

The summit of Knock Hill reaches an altitude of 430 metres, and is covered only with stunted heather, mosses and lichens. The nearest conifers are over half a kilometre distant and 140 metres lower. Not being familiar with the habits of the Siricidae I have no idea whether this sighting was unusual; could it have been an instance of hill-topping as practised by various butterflies?— ROY LEVERTON, Whitewells, Ordiquhill, Cornhill, Banffshire AB45 2HS.

***Omosita depressa* (L.) (Col.: Nitidulidae) apparently new to Kent**

I was surprised to sweep an example of this beetle near the rubbish heap at the end of my garden on 29th April 1986. Though common enough towards the north and in Scotland, it is (as stated by Fowler, 1889, *Col. Brit. Isl.*, 3: 238) rare in the south, where I have only twice taken it, singly: Fawley (Hants) and Windsor (Berks). It is known also from Surrey and Sussex, and probably other southern counties. Strangely, however, I find no published record for Kent, of which the present one would rather appear to be the first. Most likely the specimen was attracted to bones, as are its common congeners *O. colon* (L.) and *O. discoidea* (F.), the latter being very frequent in the garden.— A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

***Pammene agnotana* (Reb.) (Lep.: Tortricidae) resident in Kent**

On 20th April 1990, a cool cloudy day, I was beating hawthorn at Dartford, Kent, to collect *Pammene rhediella* Clerck. This is a nice way to collect fresh specimens of this species. Another tortricid, which I did not recognise, fell onto the tray. When set, it was tentatively identified as *Pammene agnotana*. However, in the absence of confirmation I decided to have another try for the species as soon as conditions permitted in 1991. On 26th April, another cool cloudy day, I secured another four fresh specimens after about two hours' beating of the hawthorn bushes. It turns